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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 4609

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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN SITREP ON THIRD DAY OF MIDEAST WAR

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1. PRESENCE OF MOROCCAN TROOPS ON SYRIAN FRONT, AND KING HASSAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE IS READY TO SEND SECOND CONTINGENT OCCUPY FRONT PAGES OF PRESS THIS MORNING. ONE PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY CARRIES PAGE OF PHOTOGRAPHS WHICH IT SAYS REPRESENT MOROCCAN TANKS AND MEN ON GOLAN HEIGHTS. KING HASSAN HAS SENT ONE TELEGRAM TO SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASAD IN WHICH HE EXPRESSES HIS PRIDE AT PERFORMANCE OF MOROCCAN TROOPS, AND ANOTHER TO EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT, DECLARING THAT HE IS ONLY AWAITING A SIGN FROM SADAT TO SEND TROOPS TO EGYPT'S AID. ACCORDING TO ONE REPORT IN SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS, DISPATCH OF TROOPS TO EGYPT COULD BE "IMMEDIATE."

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PAPERS PUBLISHED BY THE ISTIQLAL PARTY CALL ON MOROCCANS

TO HEED THE KING'S CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN FORCE WHICH IS TO BE SENT TO EGYPT. EDITORIAL IN ISTIQLALI DAILY SAYS ARAB PEOPLE CAN EXPECT NOTHING FROM SECURITY COUNCIL AS "US IMPERIALISM" WOULD BLOCK ANY "JUST DECISION." EDITORIAL FURTHER SAYS SIXTH FLEET "PREPARING TO INTERVENE" TO PROTECT ISRAELI CONQUESTS.

2. IN CONTRAST TO SPATE OF COMMUNIQUE AND APPEALS IN PRESS, POPULATION OF RABAT AND CASABLANCA SEEMS TO BE GOING ABOUT BUSINESS PRETTY MUCH AS USUAL THIS MORNING. STREETS HAVE NORMAL LOOK, AND THERE IS NO SIGN OF VOLUNTEERS LINING UP IN FRONT OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO SIGN UP AS VOLUNTEERS. CASABLANCA SECURITY OFFICIALS TOLD CONOFF OCTOBER 7 THAT CITY WAS COMPLETELY CALM, AND SAID HE EXPECTED NO TROUBLE. WE NOTE NEVERTHELESS THAT CASABLANCA'S 20,000 JEWS ARE POSSIBLE TARGETS FOR VIOLENCE, ALTHOUGH NOTHING OF SORT HAS TAKEN PLACE SO FAR.

3. TODAY IS ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF KING'S FATHER, AND THERE IS TO BE A MEMORIAL SERVICE ON OCCASION AT WHICH KING MAY SAY SOMETHING ABOUT SITUATION. FOR THE MOMENT, THE GOVERNMENT RADIO IS CONTINUING REGULAR PROGRAMMING WITH LIGHT MUSIC.
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